

Whiteford Station  
HA 1892

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES DOE yes no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whiteford Station

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 2419 Whiteford Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Whiteford

vicinity of

congressional district 5th

state Maryland

county Harford

## 3. Classification

### Category

☒ district  
☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

### Ownership

☒ public  
☐ private  
☐ both  
**Public Acquisition**  
☐ in process  
☒ being considered  
☒ not applicable

### Status

☒ occupied  
☒ unoccupied  
☐ work in progress  
**Accessible**  
☐ yes: restricted  
☒ yes: unrestricted  
☒ no

### Present Use

☐ agriculture  
☐ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment  
☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military  
☐ museum  
☐ park  
☐ private residence  
☐ religious  
☒ scientific  
☒ transportation  
☒ other: none

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Whiteford Packing Company'

street & number same

telephone no.: (410)452-8133

city, town Whiteford

state and zip code MD, 21160

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. None

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street & number

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city, town

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## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The station is divided evenly into two sections, the southwest passenger end and the northeast freight end. The two sections are distinguished by siding and by the types of access. The passenger end of the station has horizontal German siding, whereas the freight end is of vertical board and batten construction. The passenger section has two plain doors on the main facade, a six-horizontal paneled door at the southern end and a four-paneled door at the north end of this section. Four high windows are neatly boarded over on the passenger section of the station and are located as such: one between the two passenger section doors, one on the south end wall, and two evenly spaced on the west side of the passenger end. Two four-paneled, square sliding freight doors access the freight end of the station. Each is centered on the freight section, with one on the east facade and one on the west.

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<sup>1</sup>Conversation with and documentation of Mr. Jerome E. Murphy, July 12, 1995. All information for the Whiteford station was provided by Mr. Murphy using his personal archives of Interstate Commerce Commission Valuation Reports and Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad and Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad timetables, Annual Reports, maps, drawings, and other records.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This modest station in Whiteford was built in 1892 for the Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad, and looks very much like it did originally. At the time when the station was built, the town was known as Cambria, so named by the Welsh immigrants of the area, as their homeland is often referred to as "Cambria" because of the Cambrian slate deposits of Wales. Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad timetables list "Cambria" as late as 1898, while the first mention of "Whiteford" occurs in a Maryland and Pennsylvania timetable in 1906 according to the records of Mr. J. E. Murphy.

Information compiled by Mr. Murphy from his extensive personal collection of Maryland and Pennsylvania records makes the Whiteford station come alive in history. According to his records: Whiteford's station number was "19"; the station's telephone calling number was three long rings, pause then one long ring; distance from Baltimore to Whiteford on the railroad was 42.4 miles; Whiteford station was a daily stop for milk shipments to Baltimore for at least fifteen farmers in 1915; the station agent in 1918 was S. R. Knisley; a round trip fare from Whiteford to Baltimore on October 1, 1932 was \$1.70; and the station was closed as an agency point on February 1, 1953.

The town of Whiteford was at its peak at the time when this station was built. The tremendous slate quarrying industry boomed with the completion of the Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad in 1884, the railroad having been built to reach this world renowned Peach Bottom slate region. As a result of the railroad and slate industry, the connecting towns of Whiteford and Cardiff in Maryland and Delta in Pennsylvania all developed during this era as evidenced by the age of most of the buildings in the three towns.

Little is known about early slate shipments on the M&PRR from Whiteford. The only quarry remembered to transport slate was the later Staso Milling Company which had a siding at their quarry site on the south side of Route 136. Operating from 1923 to 1956, Staso's efforts were based in the production of slate granules for modernized roofing materials, marking the end of the days of hand-wrought shingles of the Welsh slaters. In addition to Staso, Whiteford had agriculture-related industries which utilized the railroad, to include: Whiteford Packing Company (established in 1923 and still operating) which processed great quantities of local produce; Southern States Cooperative from 1948 to 1958; and Miller Chemical and Fertilizer Company from 1941 through the end of railroad service (about 1976). Ben Silver, canning house owner and operator, had a 800' siding for his merchandise warehouse put in in 1902, however little is known about the warehoused products or the site location.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See additional sheets

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 16.58 acresQuadrangle name DeltaQuadrangle scale 24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

This smaller site was absorbed into lands of Whiteford Packing company, located on Parcel 32 on tax map 5.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
none			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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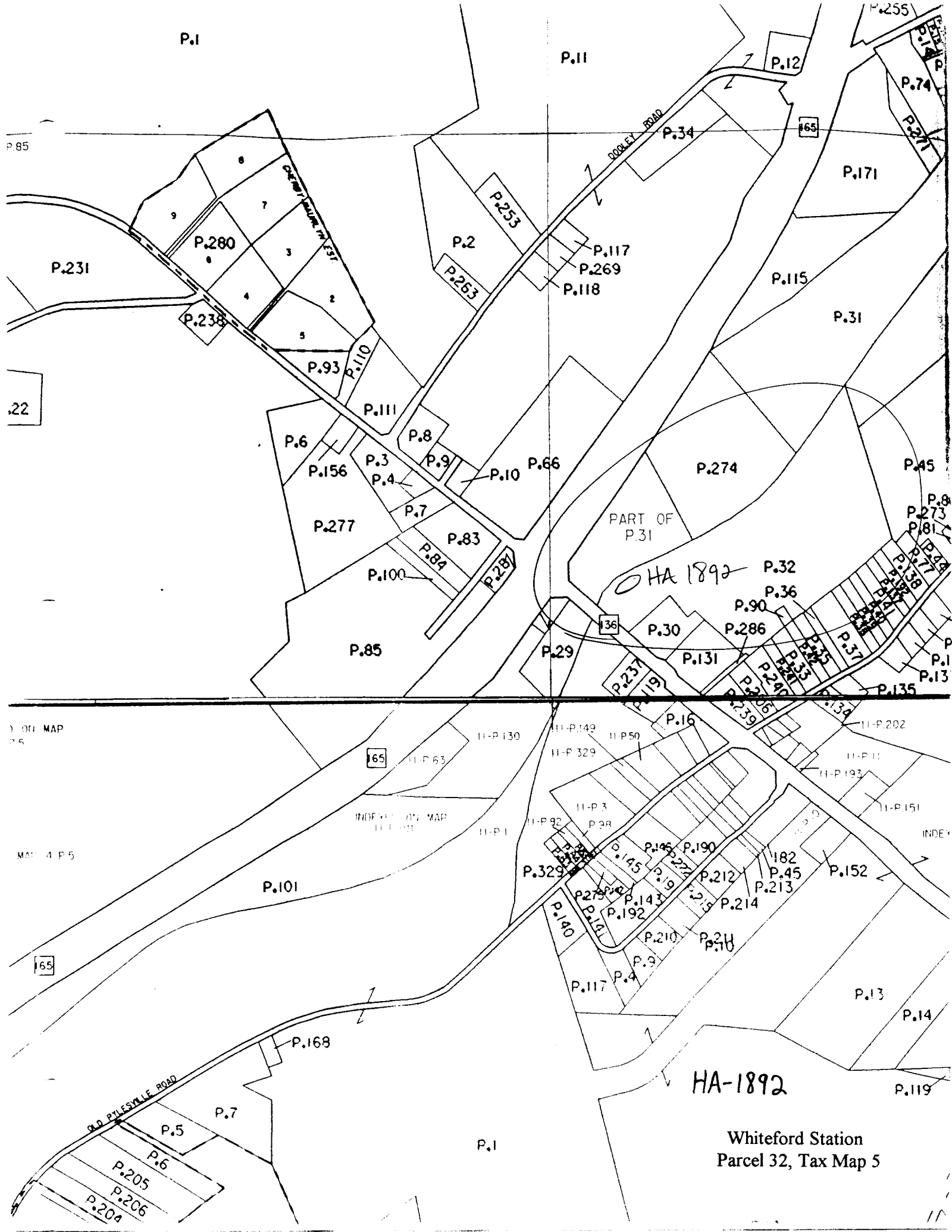
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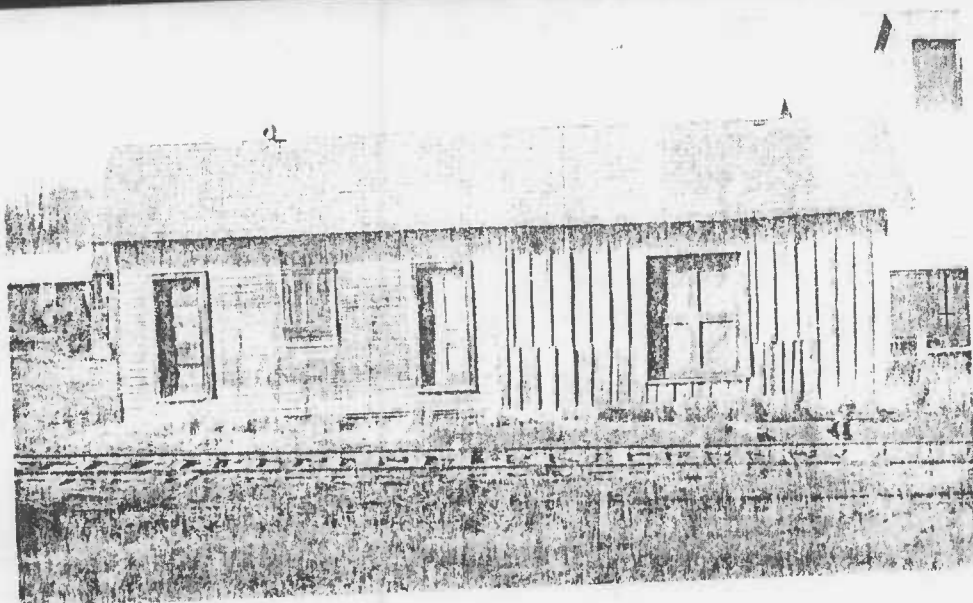


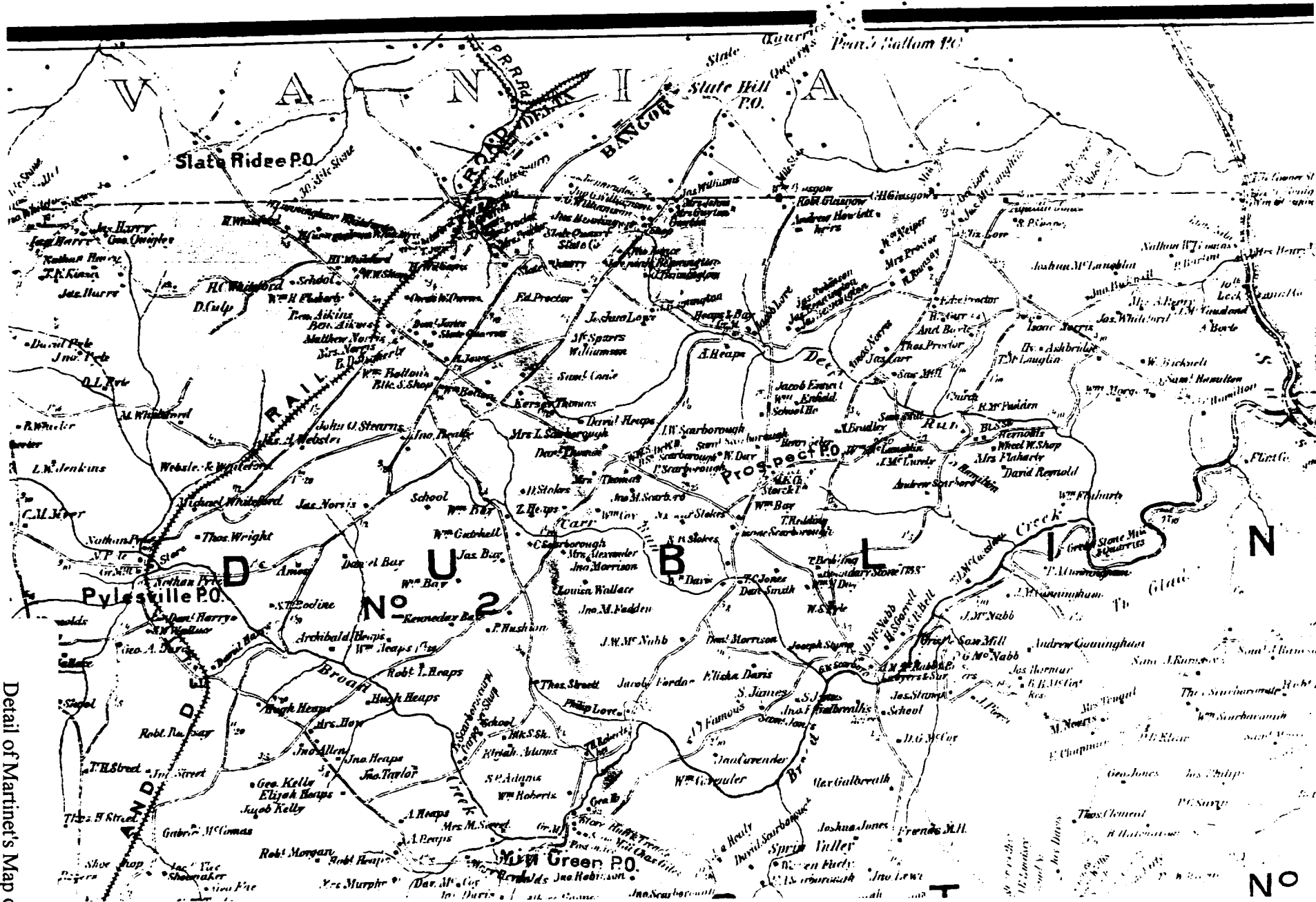
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Detail of Marinette's Map of  
Harford County, 1878



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